

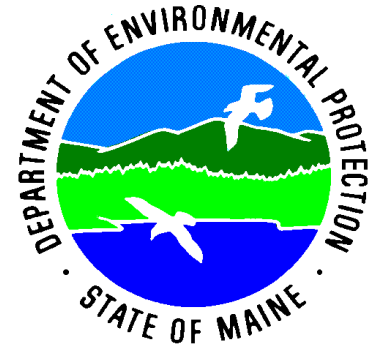
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  - Deer Isle/Stonington PIM
  - Eliot Volunteer Monitoring Program
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  - Medomak River Volunteer Monitoring Program
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- ◆ **Maine Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program, Inc.**
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- ◆ **Sheepscot Valley Conservation Association**



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- ◆ **Casco Bay Estuary Project**
- ◆ **Maine Department of Human Services**
- ◆ **Maine Department of Marine Resources**
- ◆ **USEPA – Environmental Services Division**
- ◆ **US Geological Survey, Maine District Office**

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